How to become a Dragon

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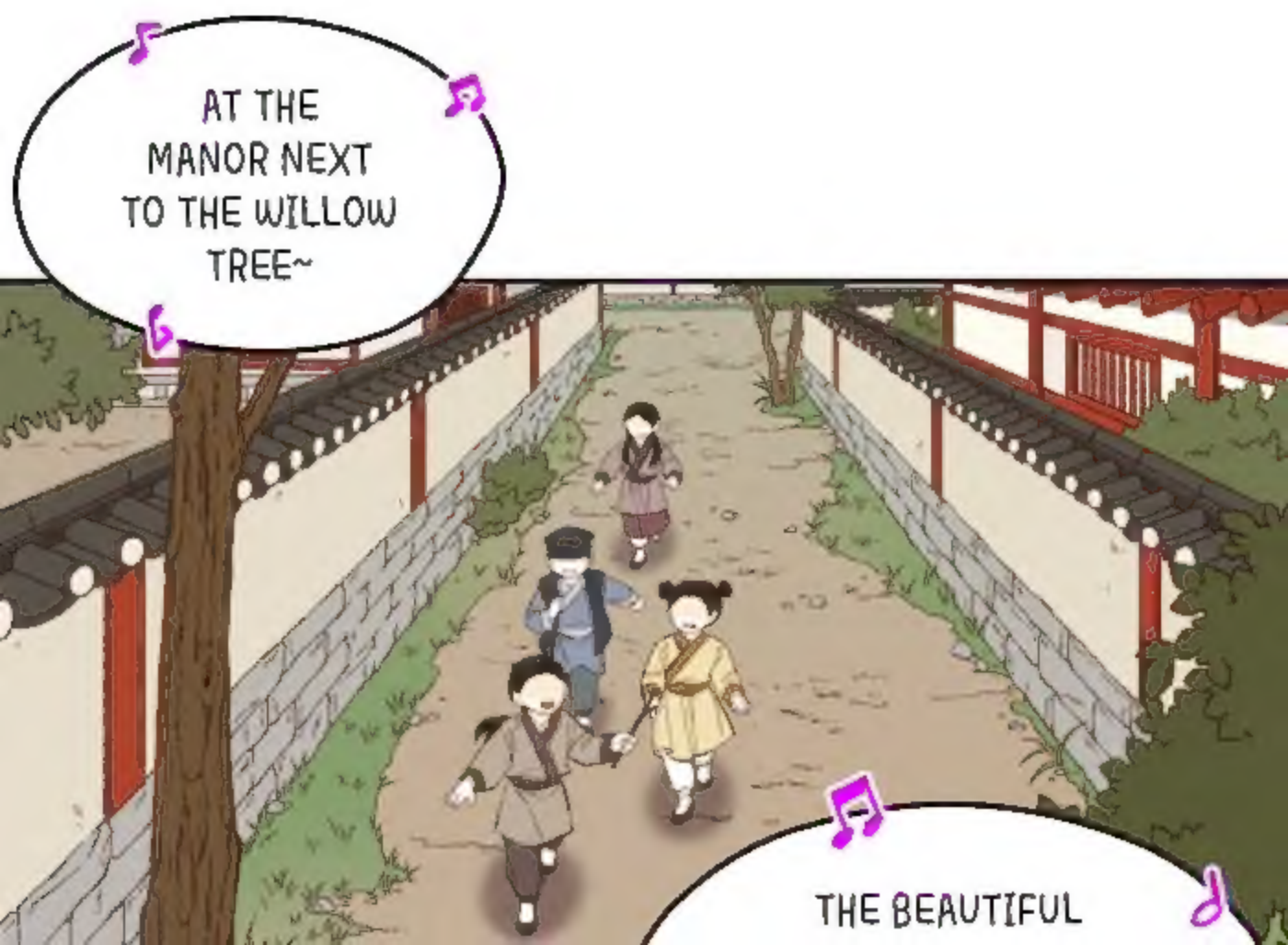

YOUNG LADY SECRETLY HOLDS A GIANT SNAKE AND SMILES IN HER BEDROOM EVERY NIGHT~

YOU LITTLE RASCALS!
QUIET DOWN!
EEK!
...
HOW DARE YOU SING ABOUT SUCH NONSENSE...

YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE PREPARING FOR AN EXAM TO BECOME A DRAGON.
IF YOU BECOME A DRAGON... DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN NO LONGER SEE EACH OTHER?
IT DOES.
AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHICH RIVER YOU WILL RULE?
THAT IS CORRECT.

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POUT
WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER REGARDLESS, ONCE YOU GET MARRIED.
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS MANAGE TO SAY THE CRUELEST THINGS...
HOW CAN WE BE FRIENDS IF WE CANNOT SEE EACH OTHER?

EVEN IF WE CANNOT MEET, WE CAN STILL REMAIN GOOD FRIENDS BY COMMITTING THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER TO MEMORY.
NYUM
HMPH
EASIER SAID THAN DONE...

...
GLANCE

GRAB

SINCE I WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR FACE SOON, I AM TRYING TO COMMIT IT TO MEMORY, JUST AS YOU SAID.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?

MOVE.
YOU'RE HEAVY.

WHAT, ARE YOU EMBARRASSED?
HEHE
I JUST THINk YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS.

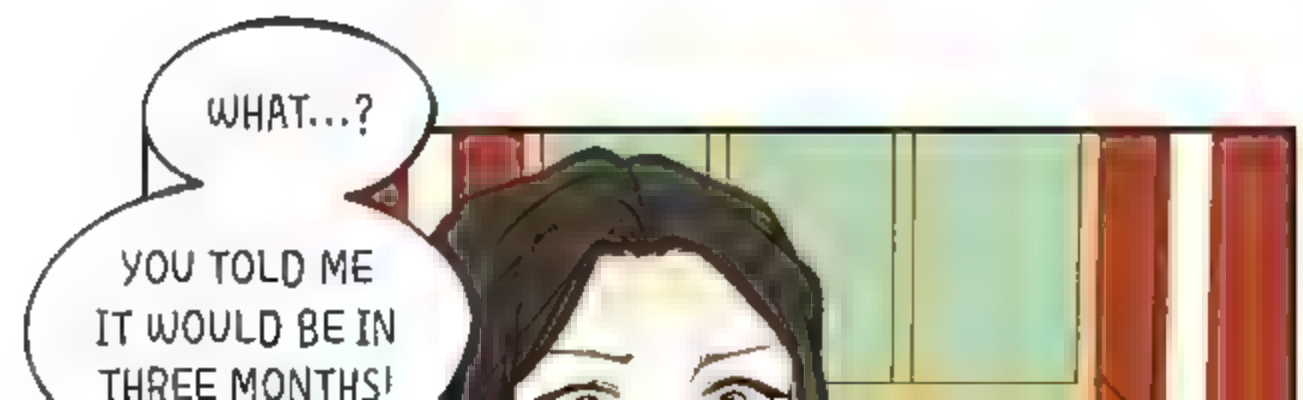
THEN WHY CAN YOU NOT LOOk ME IN

THE EYES?
HAHAHA
YOU REALLY ARE INCORRIGIBLE.
NOW, NOW! DON'T LOOK AWAY!

STARTLE

FATHER.

YOUR WEDDING HAS BEEN SET FOR THREE DAYS FROM TODAY.
PREPARE YOURSELF.

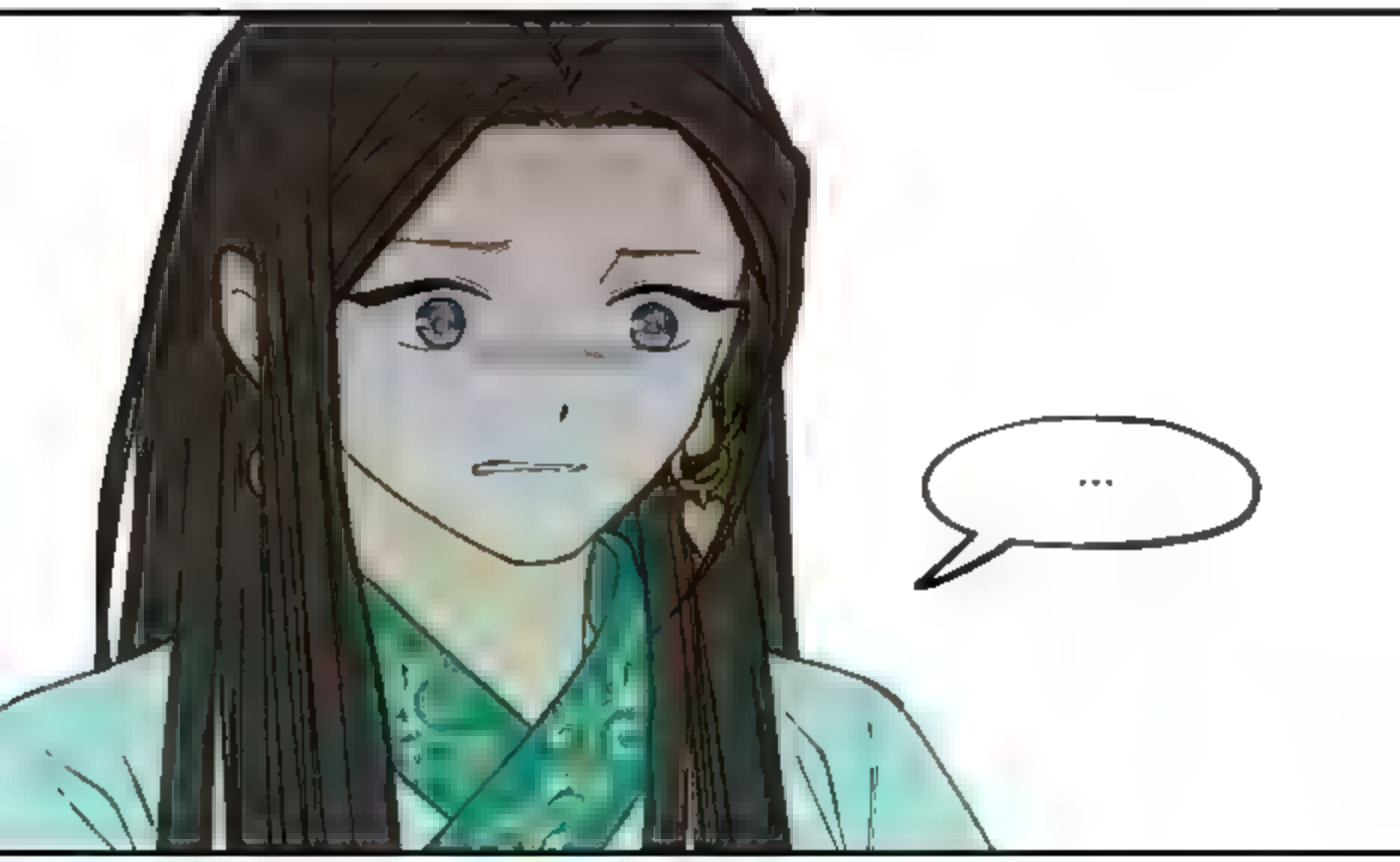

WHAT...?
YOU TOLD ME IT WOULD BE IN THREE MONTHS!

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME SO SUDDENLY--

JUST HOW HAVE YOU BEEN CONDUCTING YOURSELF FOR THOSE FILTHY RUMORS TO SPREAD ACROSS TOWN?
GET MARRIED BEFORE THEY REACH YOUR IN-LAWS.

I DO NOT WANT TO!
THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU PROMISED!
I AM RESTRAINING MYSELF BECAUSE YOU MUSTN'T LOOK LESS THAN PERFECT ON YOUR WEDDING DAY.
CLENCH
STOP BEING

SO DEFIANT AND GET READY FOR YOUR WEDDING.



SLITHER
SLITHER

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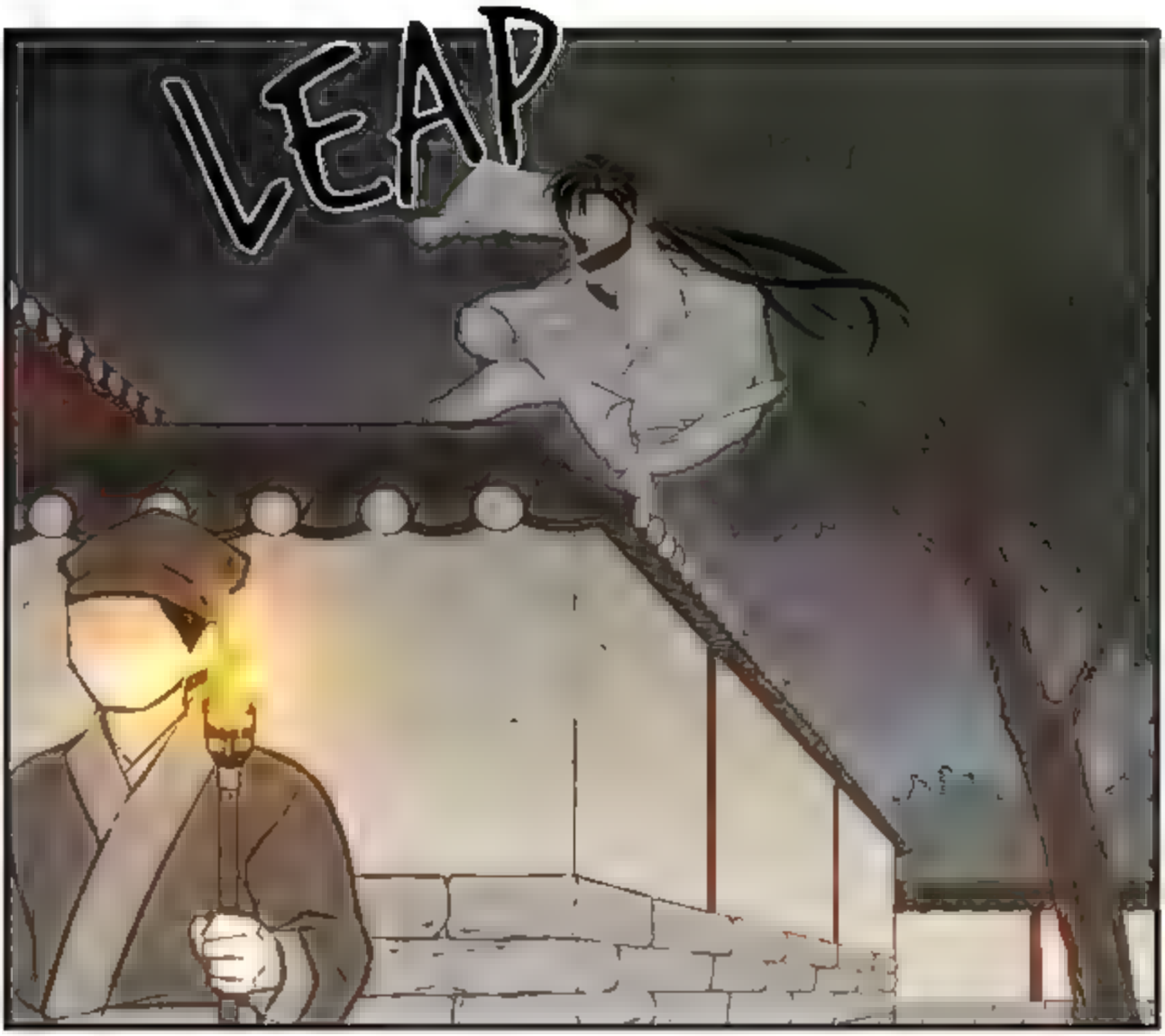
FUSH


LEAP

YOU'RE HERE!

I HAVE NEVER SEEN THOSE NIGHT GUARDS OUTSIDE...
IS SOMETHING GOING ON?
NO.

NOTHING IS GOING ON...

HERE.

I ORDERED CLOTHES FOR YOU ALONG WITH MINE.

YOU SAID THAT TOMORROW IS THE DAY OF YOUR ASCENSION.

YOU OUGHT TO WEAR NEW CLOTHES ON AN IMPORTANT DAY.

THIS IS...

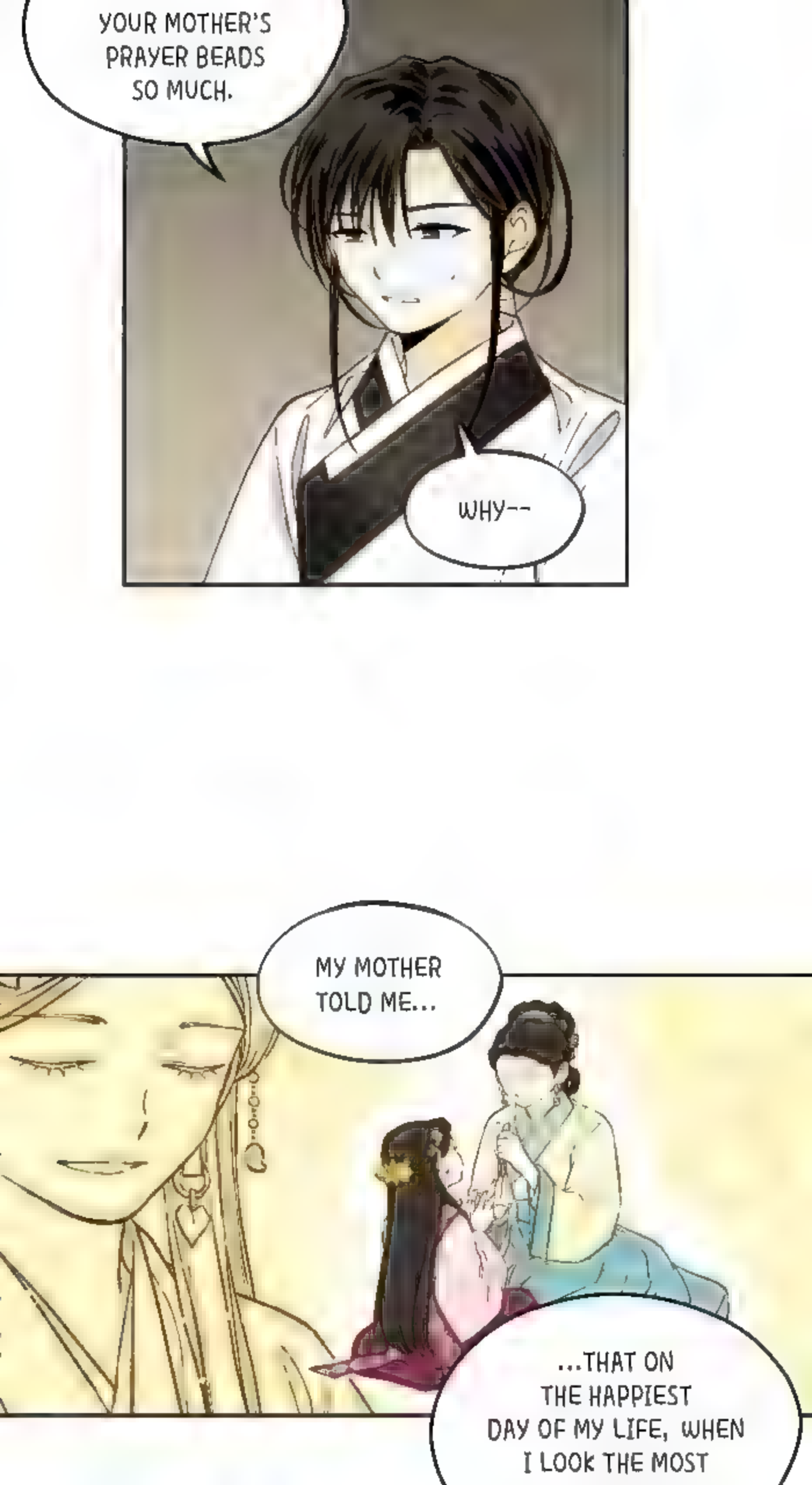
THAT IS

THE TRINKET THAT MY MOTHER BROUGHT WITH HER WHEN SHE WAS WED.

SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WOULD GIVE IT TO ME WHEN I GOT MARRIED...

I DO NOT NEED IT, SO YOU TAKE IT.

BUT YOU TREASURE


YOUR MOTHER'S PRAYER BEADS SO MUCH.
WHY--
MY MOTHER TOLD ME...
...THAT ON THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE, WHEN I LOOK THE MOST

BEAUTIFUL,

SHE WOULD TIE THIS TRINKET TO MY FINEST DRESS.

UNFORTUNATELY, MY HAPPIEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL DAYS...

...BEGAN AFTER I WENT TO THE MOUNTAIN TO DIE.

I WANT YOU

TO KEEP IT...
...SINCE YOU MADE MY DAYS SO HAPPY.
YOU WOULD MAKE A MUCH BETTER DRAGON...
...THAN A SILLY LITTLE GIRL'S HUSBAND.

PLEASE...
...ASCEND SAFELY.

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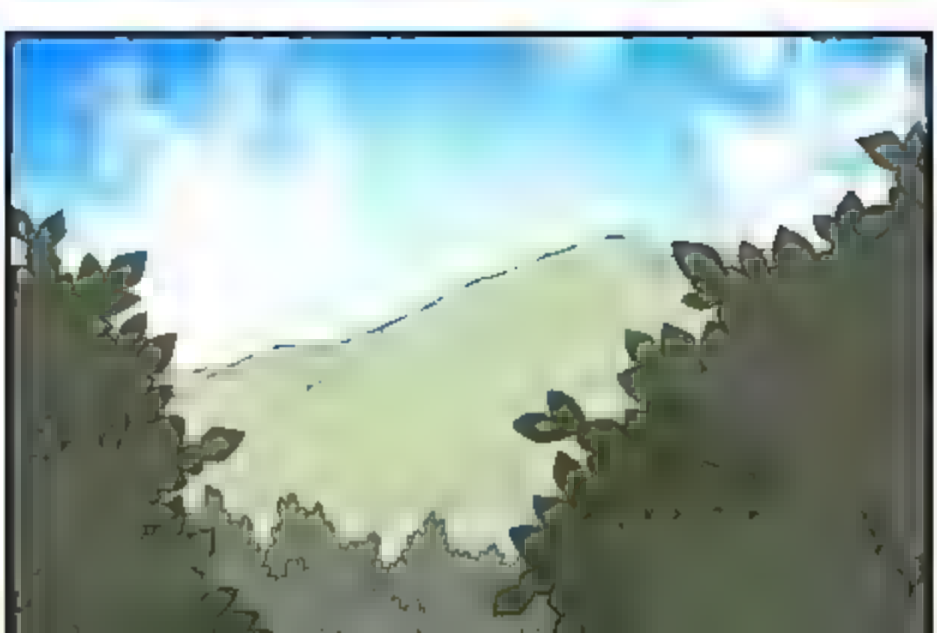
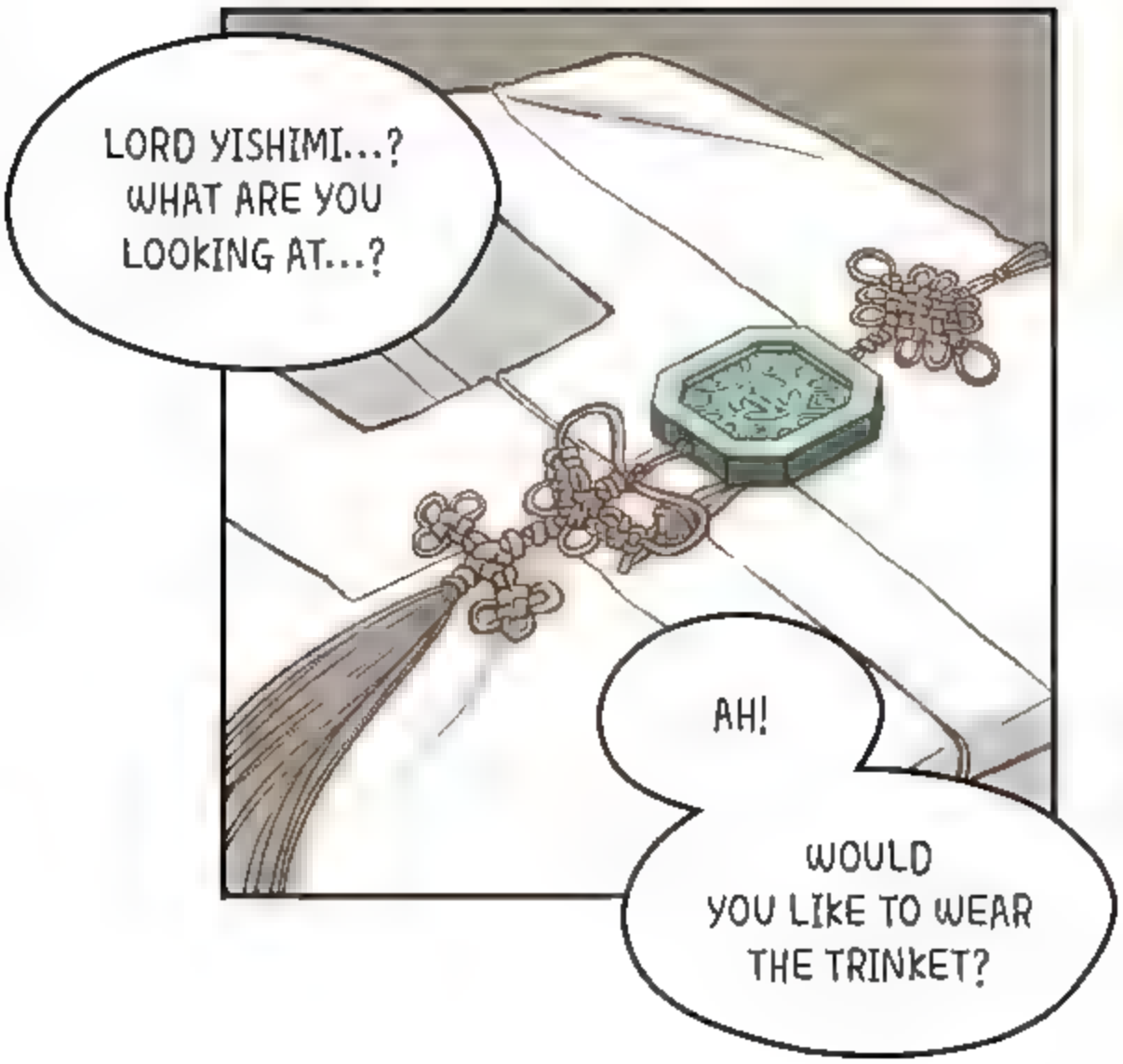


YOU ARE FINALLY ASCENDING NOW, MY LORD.
TEARY
YOU HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR ALL THIS TIME.


LORD YISHIMI...? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT...?
AH!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO WEAR THE TRINKET?

NO, I AM FINE.
...!

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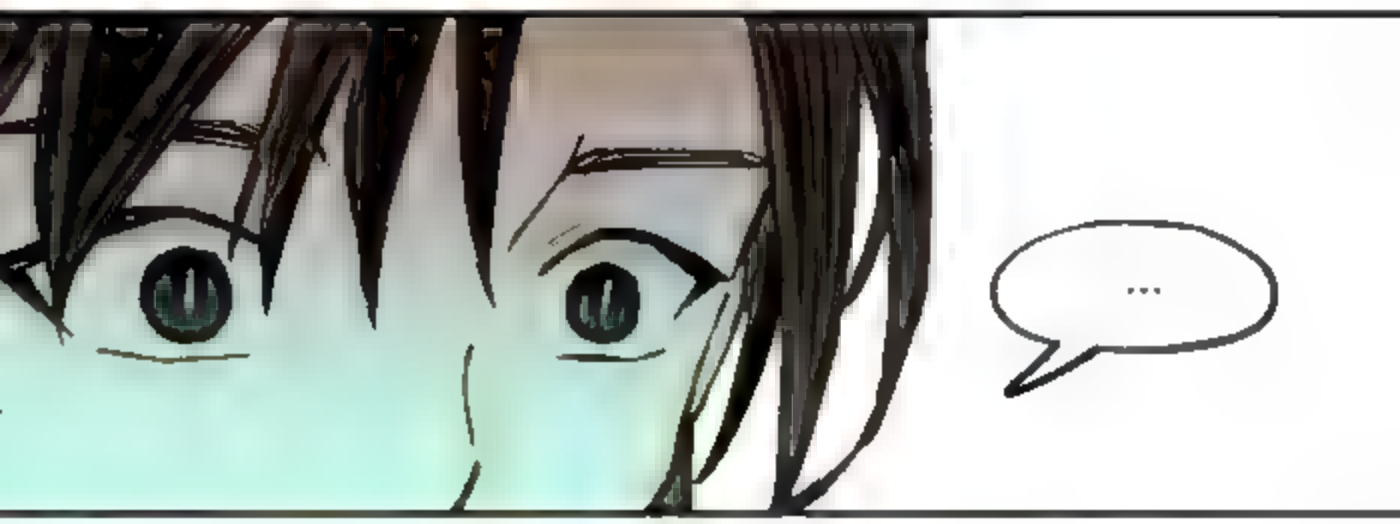
GRAB
ᵛ L-LORD ᵛᵤ
YISHIMI...?

WHAT IS GOING ON?
YOUR VENOM GLAND IS EMPTY.
AH... W-WELL...

THE LAST TIME I WAS IN THE VILLAGE...

...LADY YEONBI REQUESTED THAT I GIVE HER MY VENOM...

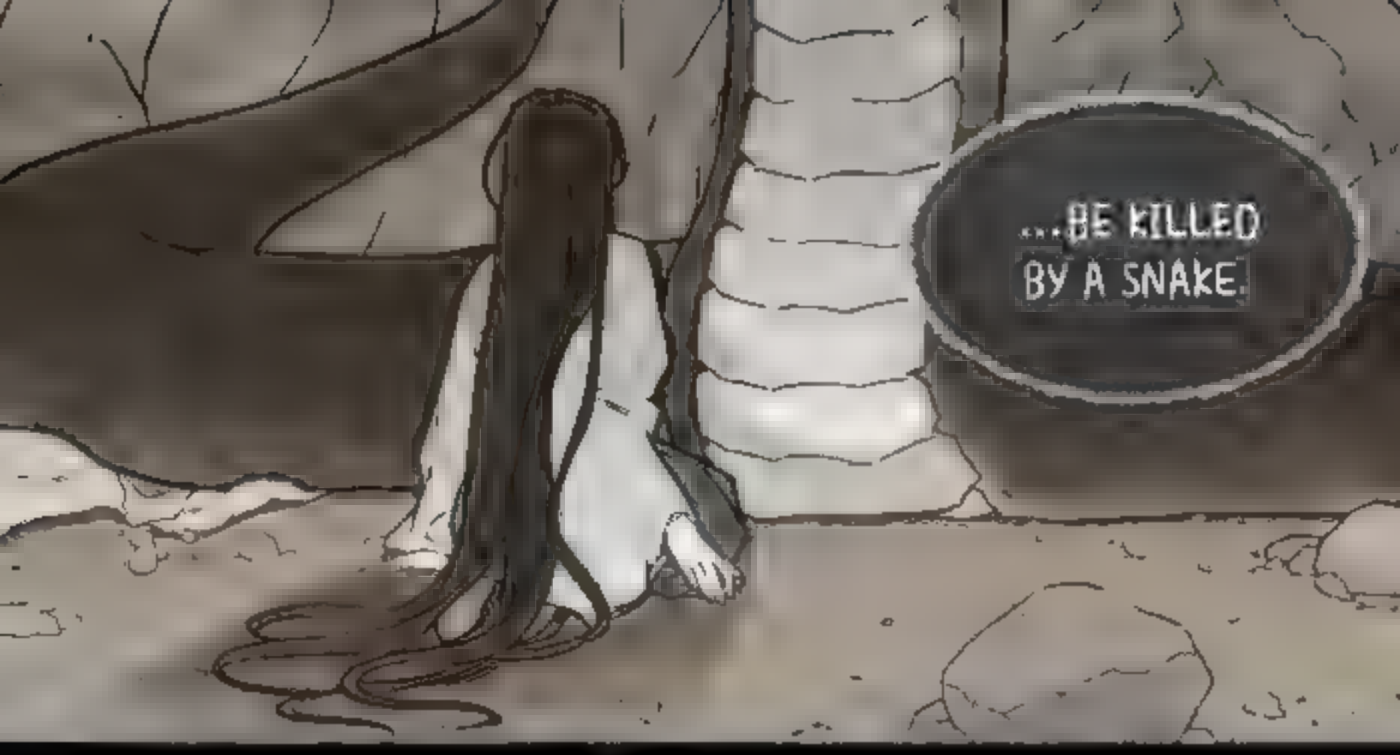
YEONBI?
WHY WOULD YEONBI WANT YOUR VENOM--

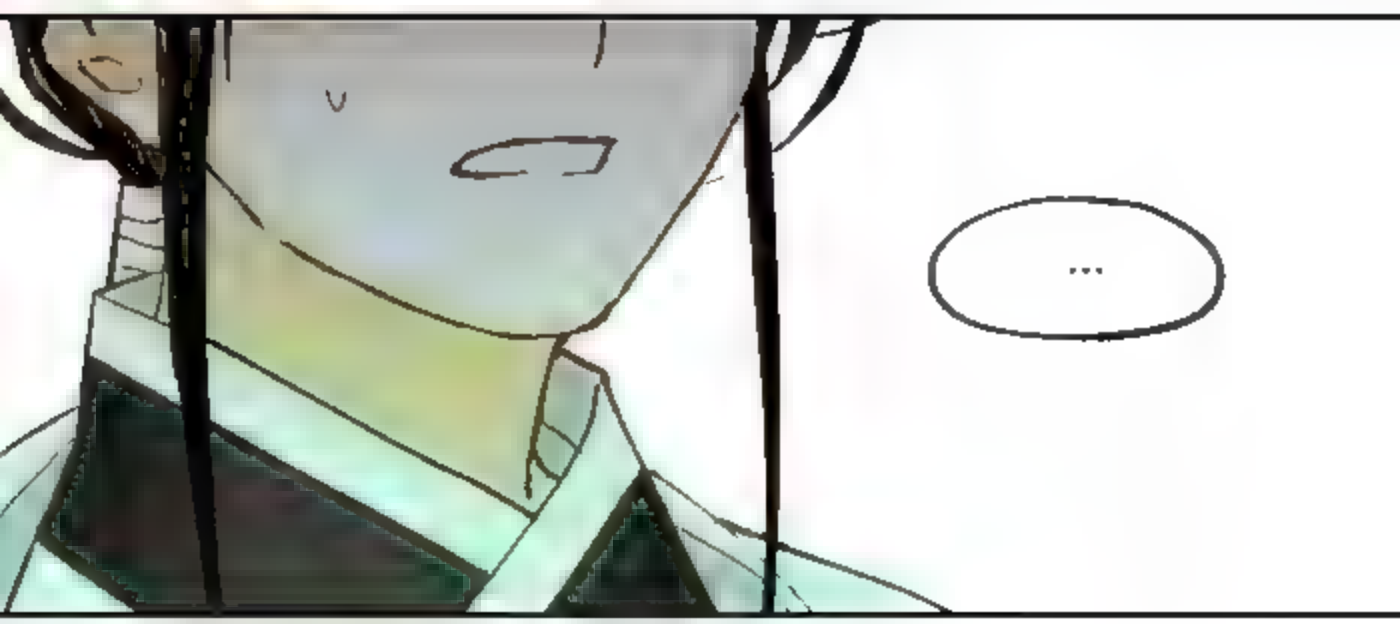


PRETTY, ISN'T IT?
IT'S NEW.

SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WOULD GIVE IT TO ME WHEN I GOT MARRIED...

I WOULD RATHER DIE
THAN REPEAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT
I MUST


...BE KILLED
BY A SNAKE.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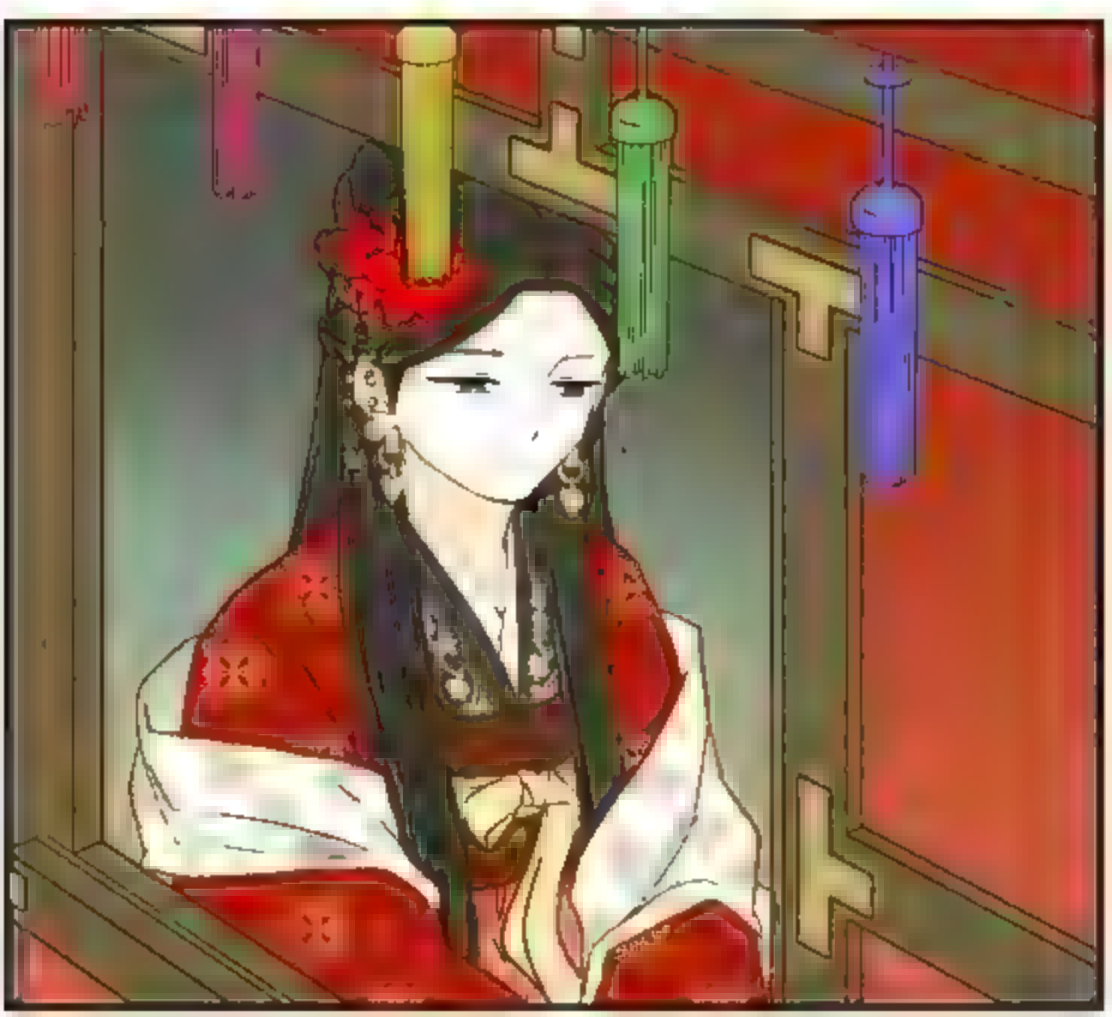
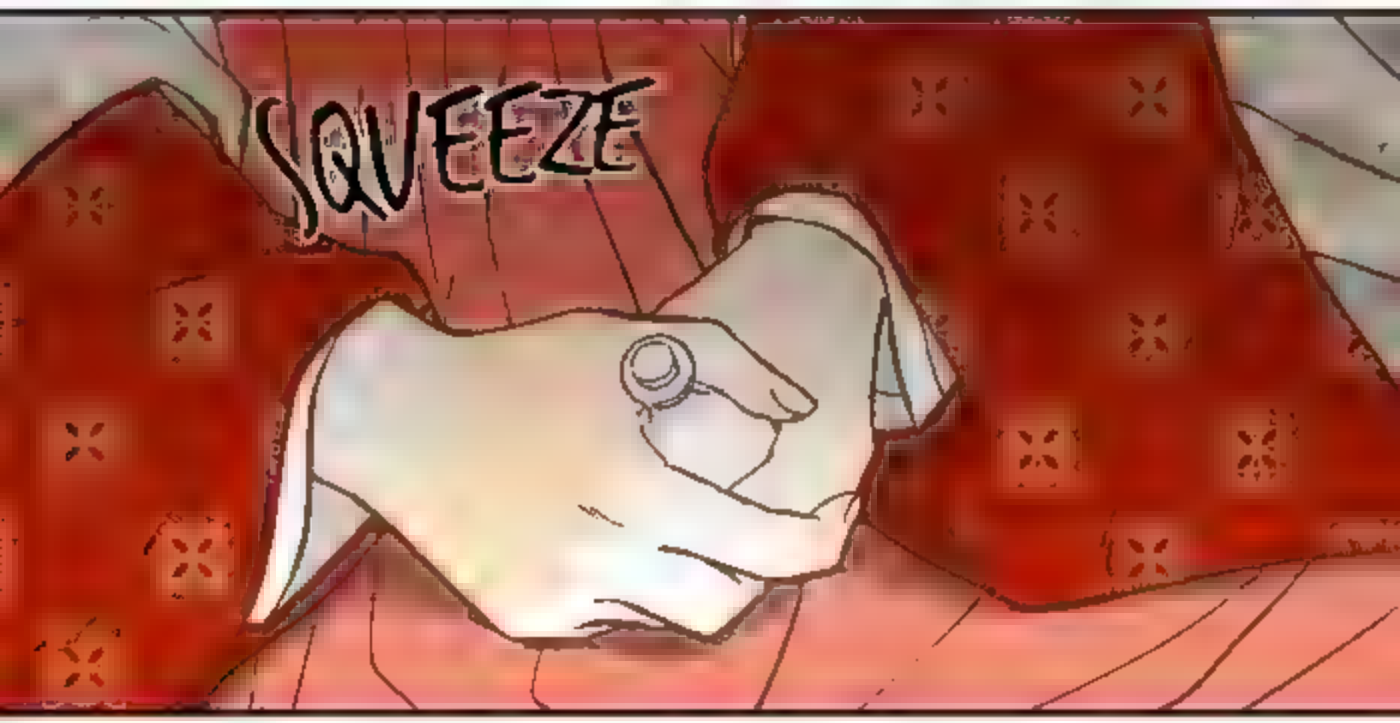
LORD YISHIMI?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
PASH

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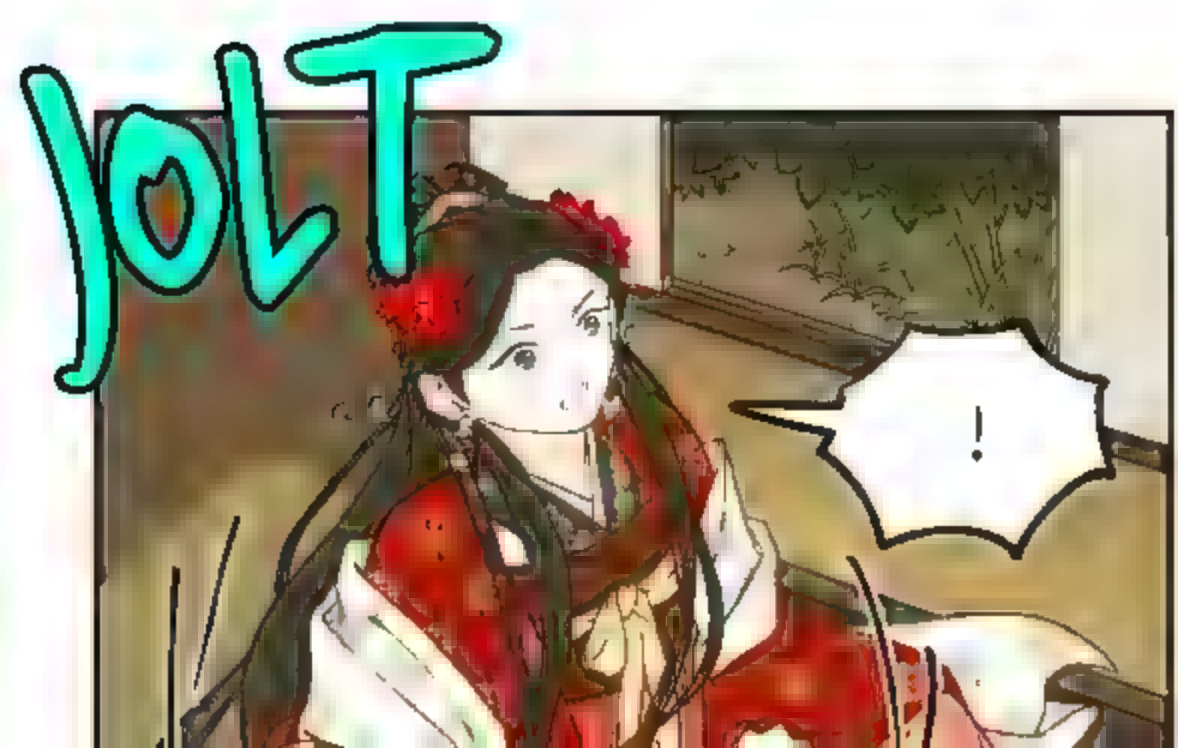
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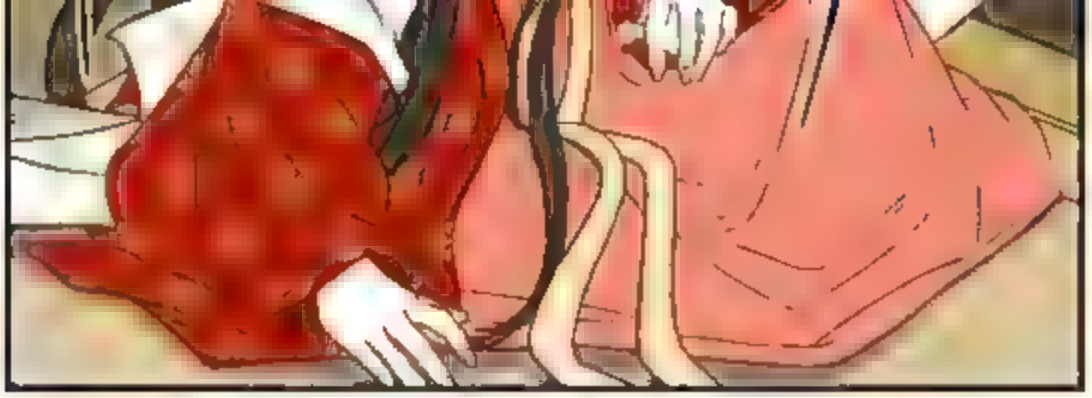
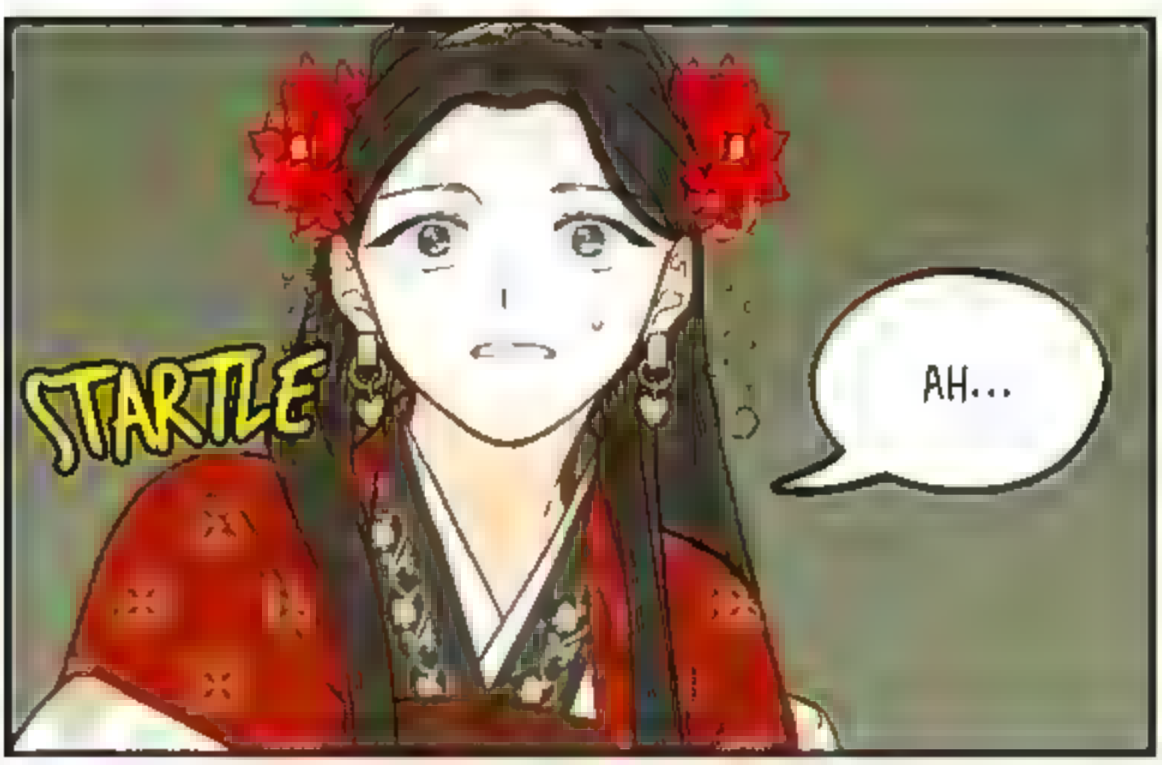


GASP...
W...
WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHAT IS THAT...?

CRASH
AAH!
R-RUN...!
A MONSTER!

UGH...
CRAWL

WHAT ON EARTH...?


STARTLE
AH...

HISS
YISHIMI...

H-HOW...
FWSHHH
...ARE YOU HERE--
YOU FOOL!

SIRAB
I THOUGHT YOU HAD FINALLY COME TO YOUR SENSES...
Y-YISHIMI...?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN END YOUR LIFE SO EASILY?
HAVE YOU NOT FAILED MULTIPLE TIMES

ALREADY?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO DIE!
HOW BAD COULD MARRIAGE BE...
W-WAIT...!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

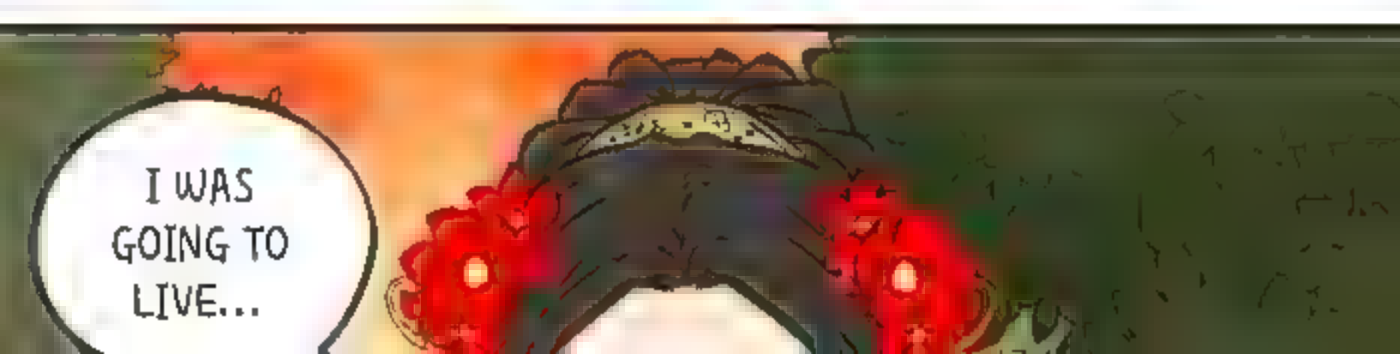
DON'T ACT COY! WERE YOU GOING TO DRINK POISON THIS TIME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHY WOULD I DRINK POISON? WHY WOULD I DIE?

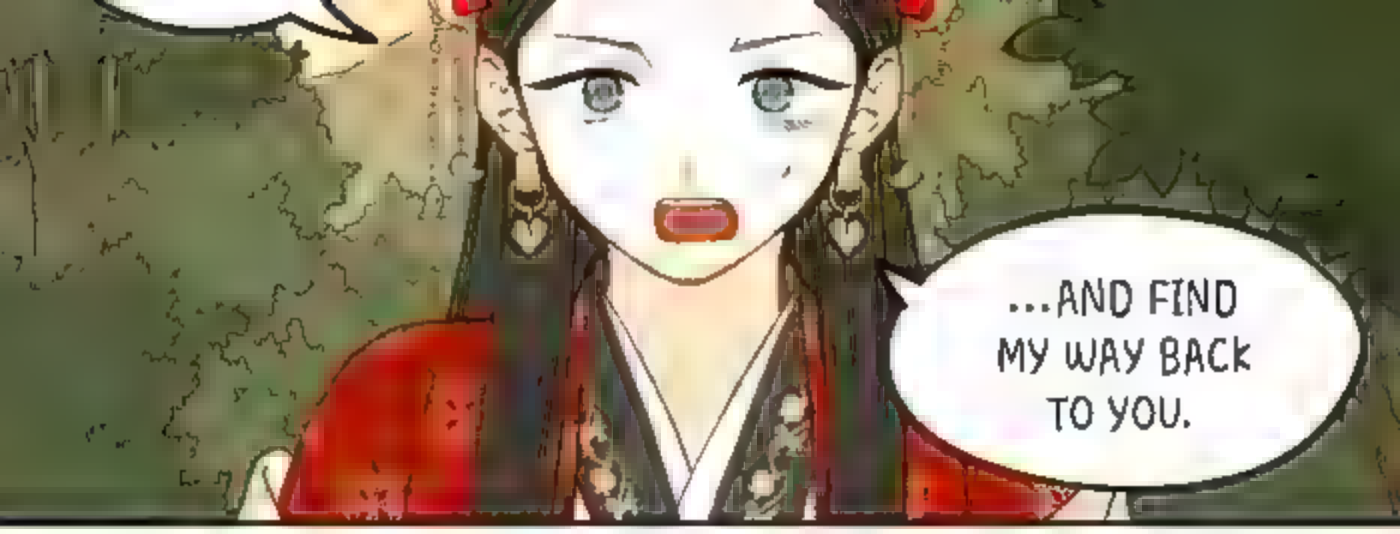
WHAT...?

THEN WHAT IS THE VENOM FOR...?

MY FAMILY MAY BE SHIPPING ME OFF TO GET MARRIED...
...BUT I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF LETTING THAT NASTY OLD MAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME.
I WAS GOING TO POISON HIM WITH YOUR SERVANT'S VENOM AND RUN AWAY.

WHAT...?
YOU TOLD ME TO LIVE AND NOT DIE.
I AM GOING TO LIVE THE WAY YOU TOLD ME TO.


I WAS GOING TO LIVE...


...AND FIND MY WAY BACK TO YOU.

...
I MUST ASCEND SOON.
YOU KNOW THAT WE CANNOT MEET AGAIN.

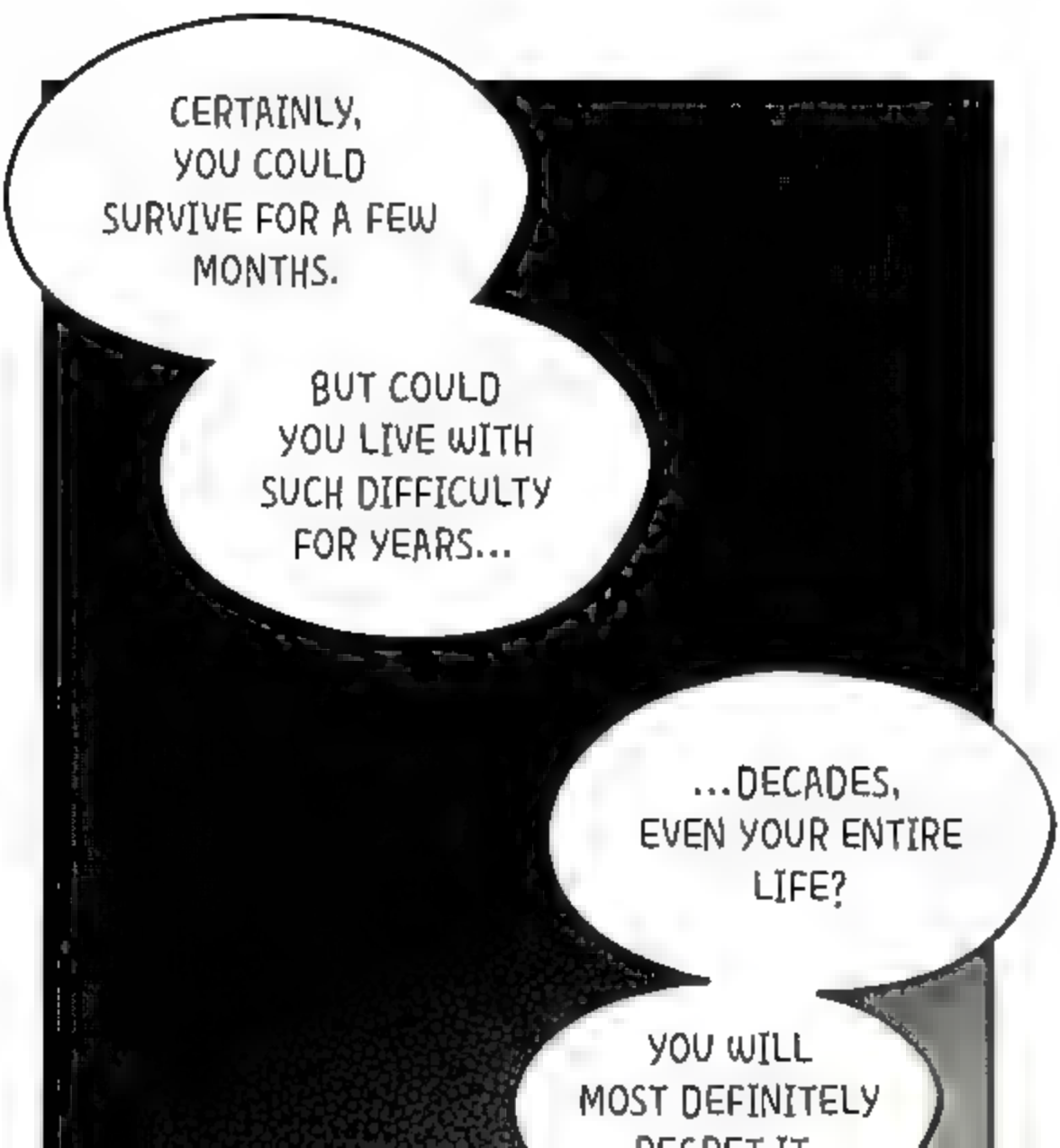
I WILL
GO TO ONE RIVER,
THEN ANOTHER.

WHEREVER
I GO, I WILL WONDER
WHICH RIVER YOU
WILL BE AT.

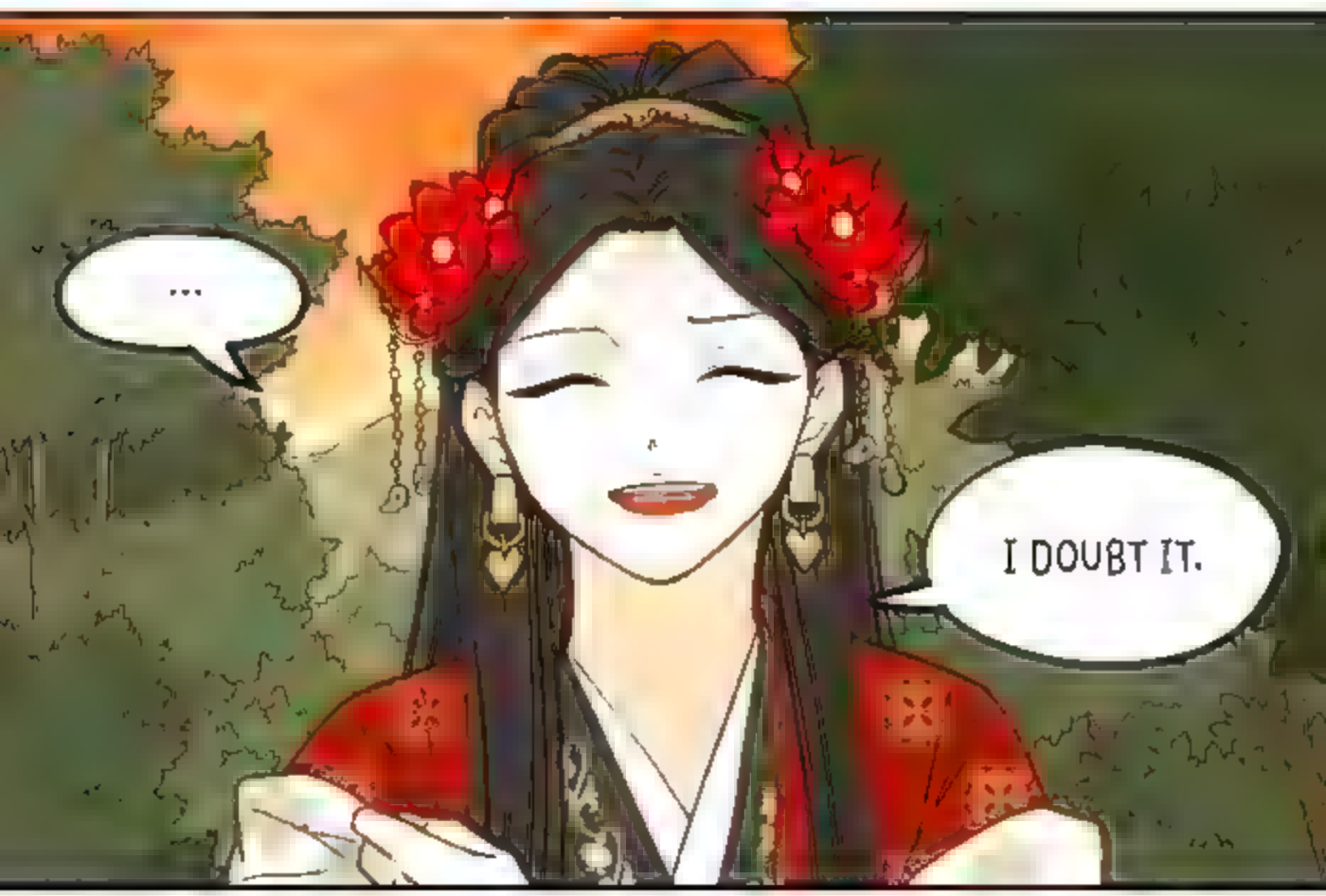
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE YOU,
BUT SURELY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ME.
IF YOU SEE ME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER...
...JUST SEND A BIG SPLASH DOWN THE RIVER SO THAT I CAN SEE IT.

THEN I WILL KNOW...
...THAT IT IS YOU.

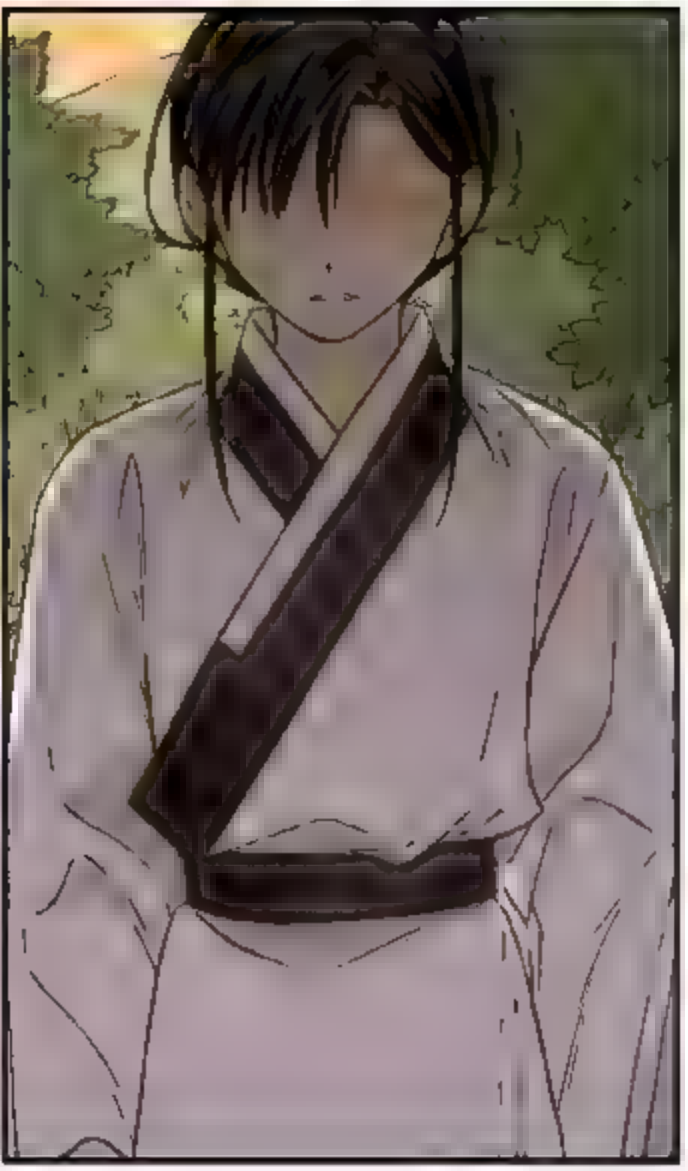
YOU WERE SPOILED ALL YOUR LIFE.
HOW WILL YOU SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT ANY SUPPORT?

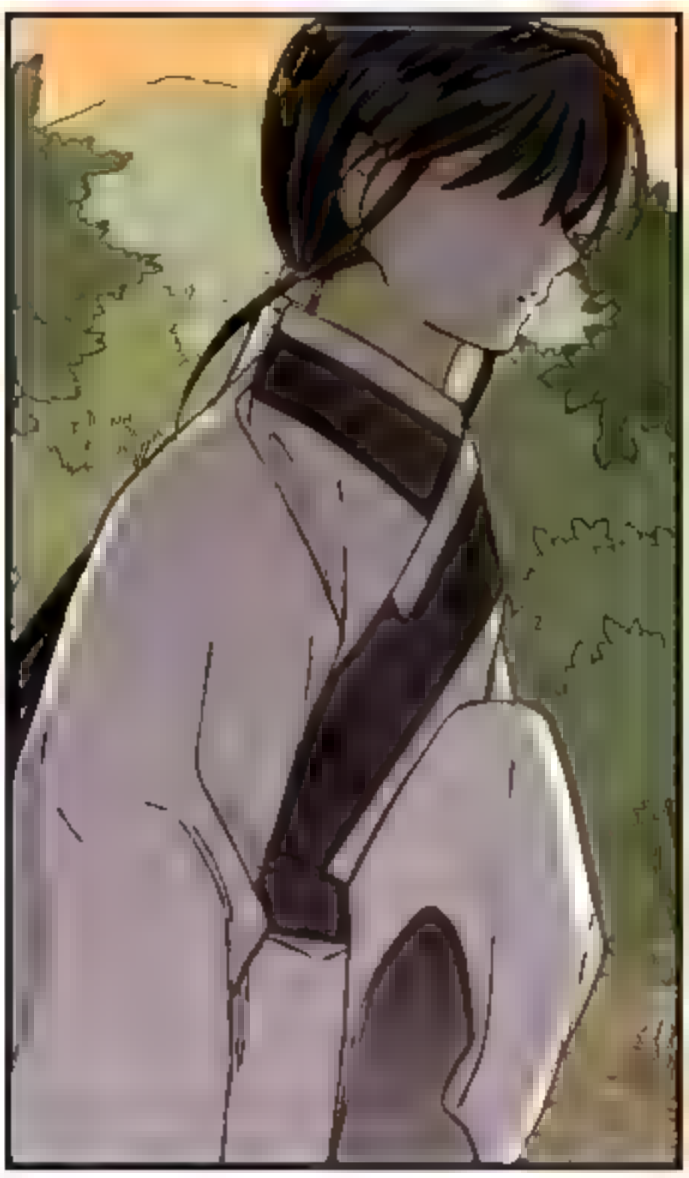

CERTAINLY, YOU COULD SURVIVE FOR A FEW MONTHS.
BUT COULD YOU LIVE WITH SUCH DIFFICULTY FOR YEARS...
...DECADES, EVEN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE?
YOU WILL MOST DEFINITELY

REGRET IT.



GO.
PAT
YOU SAID THAT YOU NEEDED TO ASCEND BEFORE SUNSET.

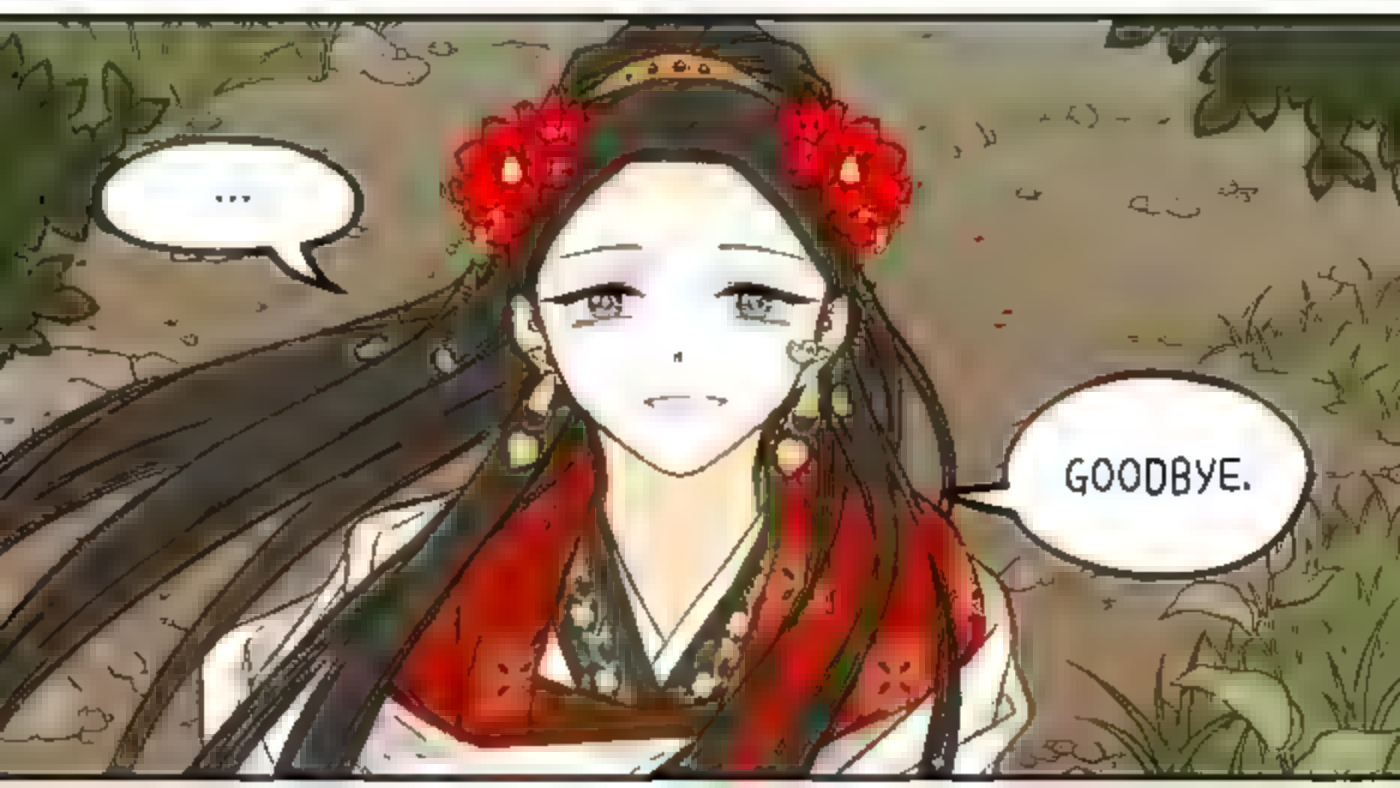




FWISHH

HHH

FUSS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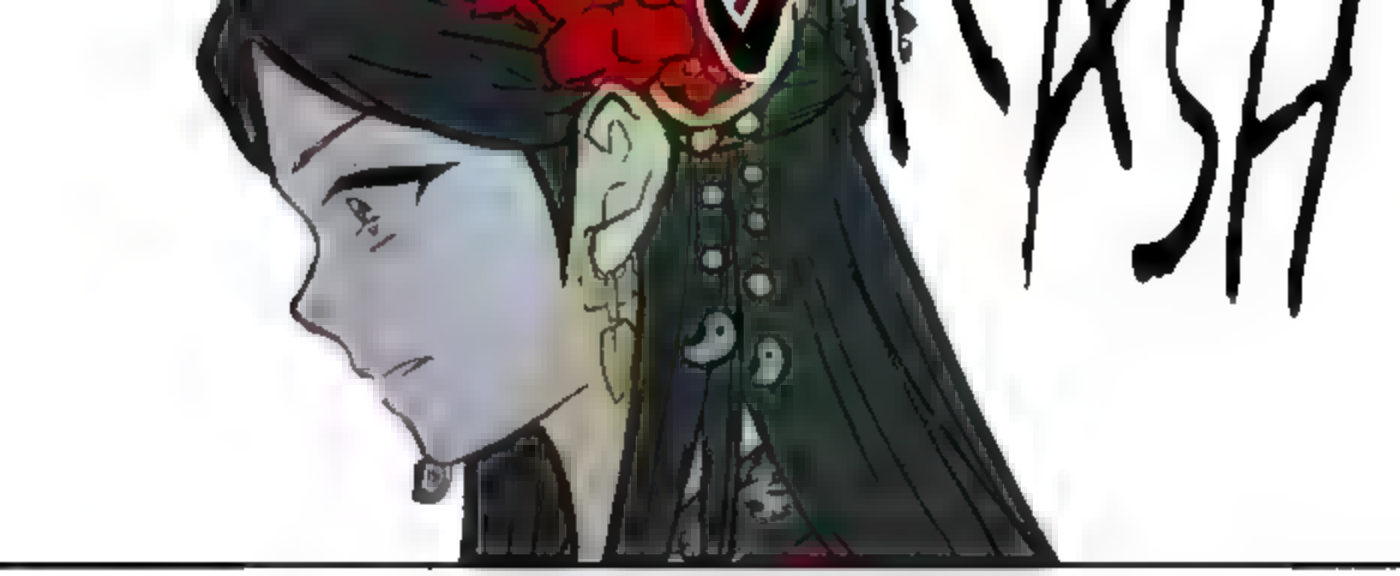
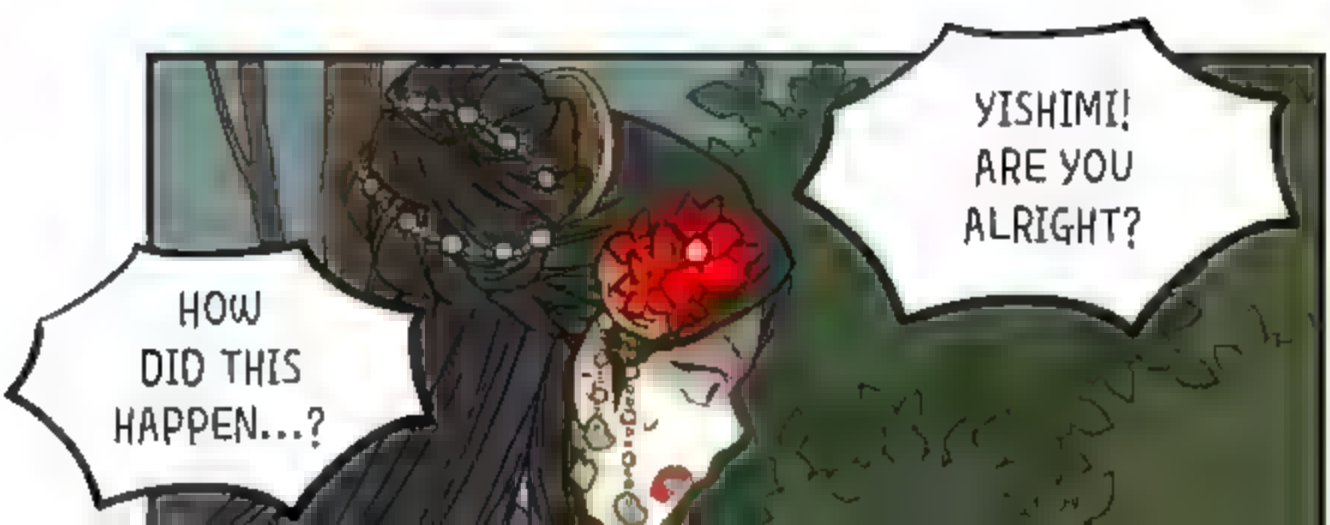
GOODBYE.

STEP



У...

YISHIMI!
DASH
YISHIMI...!


YISHIMI! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN...?

D-DID SOMEONE DO THIS TO YOU?
I WILL KILL THEM...
YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES ON THIS MOUNTAIN.
PFFT
WHO WOULD HAVE DONE THIS TO ME?

I... I...
ON BUDDHA'S NAME, I DID NOT DO A THING!
I SWEAR IT!
I KNOW.
I DECIDED TO COME BACK.
SIT UP

WHAT...?
WHEN I ASCEND, I SHOULD FEEL NO WEIGHT ON MYSELF...
...BUT SOMEONE KEEPS PULLING ME BACK.

MY HOME IS NOT THE RIVERS...

...IT IS RIGHT HERE.

TIE THIS TO MY CLOTHING FOR ME.

TODAY IS
THE HAPPIEST AND
MOST BEAUTIFUL DAY
OF MY LIFE.

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